

REMARKS

In light of the arguments made in the Examiner's answer of April 7, 2005, Applicants have filed this amendment in conjunction with a request for continued examination. In that regard, Applicants have amended claims 2 and 20. For example, claim 2 now recites that the updated system sector identifies "only, for each changed data file, its location in the writable area and its size, the unchanged data files being identified by the system sector."

The Mikamo reference does not teach or suggest such an advantageous updated system sector. Mikamo discloses a storage medium having a directory space 2 and a data space 3 as seen in Figure 1. As set forth with respect to Figure 2, a file may be changed such that only certain portions (new.rec2 and new.rec3) are changed. Rather than rewrite the entire file, only these changed portions are written to the data portion 3 as discussed with respect to Figure 4. But notice that the Mikamo analog of the "system sector" is written to the data portion 3. As seen in Figure 4, the "record position" information of the changed file is written in data portion 3. All the directory space 2 has is a pointer to this record position information. Thus, Mikamo makes no teaching or suggestion for the advantageous updated system sector of claims 2 - 9, 20, and 24 - 25.

CONCLUSION

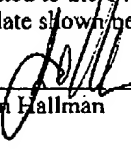
For the foregoing reasons, pending claims 2 - 9, 20, and 24 - 25 are in condition for allowance.

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